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## FIRST S. C. GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE ON PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Some 300 librarians, trustees, and interested citizens attended the Governor's Conference on Public Libraries April 28 at the Wade Hampton Hotel in Columbia.

Addresses were made by Governor Robert E. McNair; Dr. Edward McCrady, Vice-Chancellor of the University of the South; and Charles E. Reid, President, American Library Trustee Association, and chairman of the Paramus, N. J., Library Board. Mrs. Weldon Lynch, former ALTA president and member of the Oakdale, La., Library Board, was the luncheon speaker.

Governor McNair spoke of his interest in libraries which began with his association with the Allendale-Hampton-Jasper Regional Library, his awareness of the work of the State Library Board, and pledged his support to the development of libraries.

Dr. McCrady's subject was communication, and he pointed out that civilizations depended on the printed word and its availability in libraries.

Mr. Reid stressed the need for concerted action to strengthen libraries to provide adequate service to benefit all the people.

Mrs. Lynch contrasted the public library of today, a utility for the use of the public, with the public library of the past, a reading room for children and old ladies. She compared the state's present expenditure for 12 grades of public schooling with that for library service for the rest of a person's life and said that the total per capita outlay for libraries for 50 adult years equals only the cost of the first 6 weeks of the first grade.

Mrs. Lynch emphasized the need for expanded service at the state level and the strengthening of all public libraries. She stated that no longer is a bad library better than no library at all.



Mrs. Donald Russell, Honorary State Chairman for National Library Week and wife of former Governor, now U. S. Senator Russell, presided at the luncheon. Mrs. Russell was also hostess at a tea at the Columbia Museum of Art for those attending the conference.

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED AT GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE

At the conclusion of the Governor's Conference on Public Libraries, T. K. McDonald, Winnsboro, presented a resolution which was approved by unanimous vote of the conferees. The resolution was as follows:

Whereas, We the members of the Governor's Conference on Public Libraries recognize the fact that good libraries are a necessity and not a luxury; and

Whereas, In order to keep pace with and to promote the educational, social, economical and cultural growth of our State and of our Nation

RESOLVED, That we, members of the Governor's Conference on Public Libraries do hereby recognize the need for and will work towards the objective of strengthening the public library system in our State so that it may achieve its rightful status as a necessary and dynamic educational and cultural instrumentality in the complex cultural pattern of the twentieth century

Whereas, We realize that there are definite objectives that must be considered and remedied in order to reach the full potential of public libraries in South Carolina

RESOLVED, That, it is essential that State Aid to public libraries be increased, and

Whereas, It is recognized that definite guide lines or specific criterion are needed against which adequacy and quality can be tested or measured

RESOLVED, That we, members of the Governor's Conference on Public Libraries work to support and to implement the Standards for South Carolina Public Libraries, emphasizing the necessity and the desirability to function together, in relation to the state and local levels of government in promoting the creating of larger units of service thus establishing an effective and efficient statewide network of coordinated public libraries.

## S. C. GENERAL ASSEMBLY HEARS MRS. LYNCH

On April 28 a unique event took place in South Carolina. Mrs. Weldon Lynch, a library trustee of Oakdale, Louisiana, and a winner of the ALA Trustee Citation, addressed the General Assembly of South Carolina on the necessity of good public library service in a modern society with special reference to the state's responsibility in helping to provide this service.

Mrs. Lynch was invited to address the General Assembly by Joint Resolution of House and Senate. The Resolution was introduced by Senator Walter Bristow of Richland County and was passed unanimously in both Houses.



The reaction of the General Assembly to Mrs. Lynch's remarks was and still is enthusiastic. She made a lasting impression on the Joint Assembly of House and Senate and on each State official who was privileged to hear her.

To let you see the event through the eyes of an eye witness, we quote a letter from Anne Library who was present:

"The members of the General Assembly were anticipating a dull thirty minutes at noon on April 28. Gentlemen as always, they were resigned to their fate and determined to listen politely to whatever the lady had to say. Conditioned by previous experience, they were expecting an overweight bespectacled, dedicated, do-gooder in ground gripper shoes and Gussie hat. Mrs. Lynch, who can't be over five feet tall, was escorted into the House chamber by three members of the House, three members of the Senate, and Mr. Romaine Barnes, a member of the Greenville County Library Board. In contrast to her diminutive size, her escorts looked to be seven feet tall. There was almost a gasp of astonishment as the members of House and Senate saw this charming, petite, and fashionable woman advance towards the podium. From that moment Mrs. Lynch held the interest of every member of the Assembly. When, as demure as a kitten and as fresh as a rose, she stood on the podium and faced her audience, there was a flattering moment of complete silence. When she began to speak, it was apparent that her fascinated audience was amazed that anything so little and so pretty could be so smart. At the close of her address, there was a long burst of applause, and Senate and House stood as Mrs. Lynch was escorted into the lobby of the State House. There she was immediately surrounded by members of House and Senate who wished to congratulate her and to tell her how impressed they were by her address. They were sincere in their remarks, but I feel sure that many of the members will remember the pretty Southern woman in a pale pink silk suit long after they have forgotten her words of wisdom. Mrs. Lynch did more in thirty minutes to change the image of librarianship in South Carolina than has been accomplished in the past fifteen years. Granted she was not a librarian, but it is equally true that most of her audience thought that she was. I feel that not only the public librarians and trustees of the state, but all librarians in the state owe Mrs. Lynch a real debt of gratitude for presenting our problems so intelligently and representing our profession so well."

Anne Library

#### FILM ON NECESSITY FOR LIBRARIES

In connection with the Governor's Conference on Public Libraries, the Educational Television Center of the State Department of Education filmed a discussion on Public Libraries—A Necessity, Not a Luxury. Jean Galloway, Mrs. Weldon Lynch, Dr. Edward McCrady, Charles E. Reid, and Estellene P. Walker appeared on the program.

Greenville and Charleston ETV stations are scheduling the film for 9:30 p.m., Monday, May 17, 1965. On Sunday, May 16, 1965, the film is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. over WSPA TV, Spartanburg, and at 4:00 p.m. on WFBC TV, Greenville.



## REGIONAL CONFERENCES SCHEDULED TO FOLLOW GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE

The Trustees Section and the Public Libraries Section of the South Carolina Library Association will sponsor six regional conferences as a follow-up to the Governor's Conference on Public Libraries. Meetings will be held at Greenville and Lancaster on May 18 and in Florence and Batesburg on May 19. Conferences in the Charleston and Greenwood areas will be scheduled for the fall.

Librarians and board members in each area will be invited to participate in the regional conferences. The purpose of the meetings is to study means by which local libraries may implement the plans and goals presented at the Governor's Conference. The day-long sessions will be developed around the Standards for South Carolina Public Libraries. Three-member panels will open each meeting with a presentation and discussion of the Standards.

The regional conferences are being planned under the direction of Miss Laura Ebaugh and Mr. Frank Leake who are acting as state chairmen as well as chairmen for the Greenville meeting. Co-chairmen for the other May meetings are: Florence—Mrs. Marguerite Thompson and Mrs. Clyde Rowntree; Batesburg—Miss Gloria Lindler and Mrs. Cyril B. Busbee; Lancaster—Miss Elizabeth Wilson and Mrs. H. C. Floyd.

Keynote speakers for the conferences will be: O. B. Thomason, Jr., Greenville; James Ellison, Batesburg; A. Z. F. Woods, Lancaster; and Mrs. Clyde Rowntree, Florence.

Panel participants for the May meetings will include: Greenville: Jean Galloway, moderator; Mary Cox (Extension Librarian, Greenville County Library); Frances Reid (Extension Librarian, Spartanburg County Library); and Mary Aiken (Librarian, Pickens County Library); Batesburg: Mrs. Cyril Busbee, moderator; Josephine Crouch (Librarian, ABBE Regional Library); Mrs. William Foran (Assistant Librarian, Richland County Public Library); and Carrie Gene Ashley (Coordinator of Adult Services, ABBE Regional Library); Lancaster: Mrs. Walter Heath, moderator; Harry Abernathy (Trustee, Chester County Library); Edward McMaster (National Library Week Chairman for Fairfield County); Florence: Mrs. Clyde Rowntree, moderator; Mrs. Marguerite G. Thompson (Librarian, Florence County Library); Mrs. Catherine H. Lewis (Librarian, Horry County Memorial Library); and Lester Pourciau, Jr. (Reference Librarian, Florence County Library).

The following are the conference meeting places:

Batesburg - National Guard Armory, Summerland Avenue

Florence - Peoples Federal Savings and Loan Association, 238 S. Coit Street

Greenville - Greenville County Library, 420 N. Main Street

Lancaster - First Methodist Church, Corner Gay and Catawba Streets



## NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK OVER THE STATE

In addition to presiding at the Governor's Conference luncheon and being hostess at a tea for those attending the conference, Mrs. Donald Russell, wife of South Carolina's new senator and honorary state chairman for National Library Week, was guest at a tea honoring her and local authors at the Greenville County Library on April 29 and attended events in Hartsville and Florence on April 30.

The Central Friends of the Library group devoted the entire month of April to a drive to obtain new memberships at the library. Exhibits were placed in store windows during National Library Week. The Central Library is a branch of the Pickens County Library.

Orangeburg and Calhoun County libraries cooperated in April 26 program to celebrate National Library Week. The book clubs and invited guests of the two counties heard Mrs. Nell S. Graydon, author of Tales of Edisto, Tales of Beaufort, and Tales of Columbia, speak at the Davis Hall of the First Baptist Church of Orangeburg.

The Newberry headquarters of the Newberry-Saluda Regional Library observed fine-forgiveness week.

Lester J. Pourciau, Jr., head of the Florence County Library's Reference Department, addressed the Lake City Sorosis Club, which selected National Library Week as the theme of its April meeting. Mr. Pourciau outlined the services available from the library and suggested reading programs for becoming informed citizens.

In the Children's Room of the Anderson County Library, children from Evelyn Holten Melvin's art classes exhibited paintings illustrating their favorite books.

Greenwood City and County Library exhibited 1,000 paperback books selected from 72 publishers. The books were sold at a special discount on April 30 and May 1.

Arthur Magill, president of the Greenville Friends of the Library, was guest speaker at a NLB dinner meeting at the Caroll Hotel in Gaffney. Mayor J. Guy Queen issued a proclamation urging all citizens to unite in the effort to achieve a better-read, better-informed America.

A craftsman's show was sponsored by the Oconee County Library during NLW. Woodwork, needlework, weaving, leatherwork, mosaics, ceramics, gem cutting, metal work, and other crafts were included.

## LOST AND FOUND COLUMN

A light blue plastic raincoat (small size) was left at the Governor's Conference. Owner may obtain by writing the State Library Board.



## PLAQUES PRESENTED TO BEAUFORT LIBRARY

Observance of National Library Week in Beaufort culminated with a program at the county library on May 2, 1965.

Dr. John Duffy, Director of the University of South Carolina Beaufort Center, was the speaker for the occasion. Dr. Duffy spoke on the history of books and the development of libraries, particularly in the western world. He stressed the fact that education is a continuing process and the important role of libraries in this process.

Two plaques relating the history of libraries in Beaufort and the important part the Clover Club played in their development were on view in a garden niche at the front of the library. The plaques were a donation by the Clover Club.

At the conclusion of the program members of the Clover Club served refreshments.

## NEWS BULLETIN

Senator Franklin R. Hartzog, Bamberg, and Senator Addison B. Carwile, Abbeville County, introduced an amendment to the General Appropriations Bill restoring \$2,500 to the State Library Board's appropriation, thus making it possible to continue the State Aid Program at its present level.

## LIBRARY INTERNSHIPS ANNOUNCED

The Library Intern Project sponsored by the State Library Board and the Public Library Section of the South Carolina Library Association is now in its seventh year, and eighty-three young people have participated in the program. The internships are work-training positions designed to give college students and recent graduates an opportunity to explore librarianship as a career choice through actual experience in a well organized public library.

Nineteen young people have been awarded library internships in ten South Carolina public libraries for the summer of 1964. The sponsoring libraries, the library interns, and their colleges are:

Aiken-Bamberg-Barnwell-Edgefield Regional Library—Aileen E. (Libby) Patton, Columbia College; Sara J. Urban, Queens College (Charlotte, N. C.).

Anderson County Library—Gail Campbell, Central Wesleyan College.



Charleston County Library—Sharon L. Godbee, Appalachian State Teachers College (Boone, N. C.); Jo Ellen Moore, University of North Carolina at Greensboro (N. C.); Barbara Blake, Barbara-Scotia College (Concord, N. C.).

Florence County Library—Annie Jo Jeffers, Agnes Scott College (Decatur, Ga.); Barbara E. Odom, University of South Carolina at Florence; Marvis J. Wiggins, Coker College.

Greenville County Library—Doris I. Brown, Erskine College; Martha E. Richie, Belhaven College (Jackson, Miss.).

Greenwood City and County Public Library—Miriam L. Watson, Columbia College.

Lexington County Circulating Library—Kathryn A. Crout, Winthrop College.

Pickens County Library—Martha Bessinger, Carson-Newman College (Jefferson City, Tenn.).

Richland County Public Library—Susan Hemphill, Emory University (Atlanta, Ga.); L. Marie Bouknight, Duke University; Mrs. Mary L. McAfee, S. C. State College, Roger Cyril Wilson, Newberry College.

Spartanburg County Library—Diane Cothren, Winthrop College.

#### CONSULTANT ATTENDS ATLANTA CONFERENCE

Betty E. Callaham, Adult Consultant, State Library Board, represented the State Library Board at a conference on "The Role of the Library in Improving Education in the South," in Atlanta on April 8-10. The conference, made possible by a grant from the Rockefeller Foundation, was sponsored by the Atlanta University School of Library Service with the cooperation of the Emory University Division of Librarianship.

#### SCHOLARSHIPS FOR UNDERGRADUATE TRAINING IN LIBRARY SCIENCE

Continuing its program to provide training opportunities for in-service personnel of public libraries in South Carolina, the State Library Board will offer this summer scholarships to attend the six weeks summer session or the three weeks workshop of a select group of colleges and universities offering courses in librarianship at the undergraduate level.

Eligible for the scholarships are library assistants, and in special cases library administrators, without formal library education 1) who will by July 1, 1965, have been employed at least one year in a public library which meets the requirements for state aid, 2) who in their work have shown promise of ability to profit by training, and 3) who expect to continue in their present positions for at least one year.



Staff members holding Pre-professional and Provisional Pre-professional certificates which will expire in 1966 will be given priority in awarding the scholarships. Six semester hours are necessary for certification renewal.

The amount of the scholarship will vary with the school attended, but in every case will cover fees, tuition charges, and room and board for the period of study. The applicant or the library will be responsible for travel expenses to and from the school attended. Only one scholarship will be granted in a library system. Grants will not be made for courses duplicating work previously taken by the applicant.

#### FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR TEXTILE INFORMATION CENTER COMPLETED

At the request of interested industrialists and businessmen in the Piedmont Area of the state and in cooperation with the Greenville County Library, the S. C. State Library Board has completed a feasibility study for a proposed textile reference resource center. The forty-page study is titled A Prospectus of a Proposed Information Research Center Specializing in Textiles and Textile Technology for Greenville and the Piedmont Area of South Carolina. The study, made by Charles H. Busha, Reference Consultant of the State Library Board, was presented to a planning committee April 2, 1965. The committee is made up of industrial leaders, educators, and library trustees. The study outlines the suggested organization, functions, and services of the proposed center. It is the result of a month of research and investigation into the feasibility of establishing a center which will serve the textile technological information needs not only of the Piedmont Area but of the entire state as well.

In completing the study Mr. Busha visited outstanding technical libraries in the Eastern Seaboard including the Dow Chemical Company Library in Williamsburg, Virginia; the Institute of Textile Technology Library, Charlottesville, Virginia; the Textile Research Institute Library, Princeton, New Jersey, the Colgate-Palmolive Research Information Center, New Brunswick, New Jersey; and the Ciba Pharmaceutical Company Scientific Information Center, Summit, New Jersey.

A limited number of copies of the study are available from the State Library Board upon request.

#### BROCHURE ON STATE LIBRARY BOARD

An attractive new brochure which was distributed at the Governor's Conference and to members of the Legislature during National Library Week gives a brief history of the S. C. State Library Board, describes its service, and points out the potentials of expanded service if its reference and interlibrary loan collections and services are consolidated in a new building. The brochure gives the resources of S. C. public library systems and figures on support of public libraries.

Copies are available from the State Library Board.



## S. C. INDUSTRIAL DIRECTORY

The "1965 Industrial Directory of South Carolina" which offers detailed information on over 2,500 companies in the state and basic county and city data is ready for distribution. The directory is available at \$5.00 per copy from the South Carolina Development Board, P. O. Box 727, Columbia, S. C.

## ANTI-OBSCENITY BILL

The S. C. House of Representatives has passed a measure (S. 115) aimed at curtailing the distribution of obscene material in the state, particularly to minors under 16 years of age. The specific application to minors follows guidelines set down by the U. S. Supreme Court in recent rulings on anti-obscenity legislation in other states. The bill also requires that storekeepers be given 48 hours notice before action is brought. This is to protect store owners who might not be aware of the contents of books and magazines available from them.

The bill when introduced in the Senate had been more general in nature, and the House leaders added the section on distribution to minors in the hope that this would hold up should the rest of the bill be found unconstitutional.

The bill was further amended by the Senate on April 28 and the title changed to "A Bill to prohibit the sale, distribution, preparation, publication, printing and exhibiting of obscene matter; to provide for a prima facie defense; and to provide penalties therefor."

## NORTH AUGUSTA DRIVE A SUCCESS

The campaign to provide a new library to serve North Augusta, Belvedere and Beech Island achieved the goal of \$50,000. The slogan "Have it done by April one" became a reality, and a former church was purchased for \$35,000. The remaining \$15,000 will be used for renovation and equipment.

Mrs. J. W. Thurmond was general chairman of the drive, which received support from business organizations, clubs, school children, boy scouts, and interested citizens. A house-to-house canvas ended the drive on March 30, 31.

The North Augusta Library is a branch of the Aiken-Bamberg-Barnwell-Edgefield Regional Library.

## HELP!!!

Please notify the State Library Board of changes in staff and/or board members. Any library news will be gratefully received.



## OF LIBRARIES AND LIBRARIANS

As a preface to National Library Week the Anderson County Library sponsored three lectures on Shakespeare's plays by Dr. Edward P. Vandiver. Dr. Vandiver based his lectures on his recently published book, "Highlights of Shakespeare's Plays."

Larry Rogers, chairman of the Beaufort County Library Board, was the dinner speaker at the 67th annual convention of the South Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs, April 27, 1965, at Dillon. Mr. Rogers is president of the South Carolina Confederation of Historical Societies.

The Duke Power Company has contributed \$200 to the building fund for the Williamston Library. Amerotron made an earlier donation of \$2,000. The Williamston Library is a branch of the Anderson County Library.

The Spartanburg County Public Library has framed prints of famous art masterpieces available on loan to patrons of the library. Mrs. Walter Crews and Mary Ellen Suitt, local artists, selected the 25 new works which brought the collection to 119.

Mrs. Robert S. Latimer, Jr. is chairman of the Lee County Library Board succeeding Mrs. Ernest L. Dickinson.

Mrs. W. Herbert Smith, Jr. is a new member of the board of the Kings Mountain Township Library, Clover, S. C.

After complete renovation of the first floor, painting, installation of fluorescent lights, addition of tile flooring and a book lift, the County Department moved into the Florence County Library building on April 12. Before the remodelling the County Department was housed in the Agriculture Building.

The committee to raise funds for a site for a new library in Fountain Inn reports that \$7,500 of the \$9,000 goal has been received. Beaunit Textiles will erect a \$20,000-\$25,000 building on the site. The library is a branch of the Greenville County Library.

The Colleton County Memorial Library has inaugurated a new service for businessmen. A weekly newsletter, "Executive Report," designed to be read in 30 minutes or less and to give up-to-date information on governmental and business trends, is available as are booklets on industrial development and laws affecting business, pertinent periodicals, and books.

Mrs. William G. Jenkins of Kline is president of the newly organized Friends of the Library of the Barnwell County Library. The group, which was formed to support and promote the local library, undertook for its first project the sponsorship of an art exhibit at the library.

The Winnsboro News and Herald followed up the sketch of William B. McDowell, chairman of the Fairfield Library Commission (excerpted in News for Public Libraries, April, 1965), with sketches of Mrs. T. A. Quattlebaum, County Librarian, and staff members, Alice McDonald, Mrs. Sydney Smith, and Mrs. Foster Blackwell.



During April the Oconee County Library exhibited prints by Nancy Nemer, a native of Pinehurst, N. C., who has received over 30 awards for her work in the past five years.

Mrs. Dallas McKown has resigned as librarian of the Hartsville Township Memorial Library. She is leaving for a European trip on May 12 and will return to the state on July 1.

IN MEMORIAM  
OLIN DeWITT JOHNSTON

WHEREAS, Librarians and friends of libraries throughout South Carolina feel a keen loss in the death on April 18, 1965, of Senator Olin D. Johnston, who for some thirty years was a staunch advocate of libraries and library legislation on the local, state, and national scenes; and

WHEREAS, We recall with great appreciation Mr. Johnston's contributions to the library movement; when in 1938, as Governor, he obtained a \$1,000 appropriation from the S. C. Budget Commission for the State Library Board to employ a temporary field worker; when in 1956 he was one of eighteen senators who sponsored and actively supported the Library Services Act; when in 1962 he was instrumental in preventing an increase in the library materials rate in the new postal bill; when in 1963 he aided in the passage of the Library Services and Construction Act; and when on many other occasions, as Governor and as Senator, he was a friend and supporter of libraries;

RESOLVED, therefore, that we the members of the Executive Committee of the South Carolina Library Association, acting on behalf of the Association's membership, do hereby express our deep regret and sense of loss upon the death of Olin DeWitt Johnston, and

RESOLVED, that this expression be entered in the official minutes of the Association and that a copy be sent to the family of Senator Johnston.

----- Resolution adopted by the Executive Committee, South Carolina Library Association. May 8, 1965.

SYMPATHY TO

Kitty Warner, on the death of her grandfather, I. E. Warner on April 30, 1965. Miss Warner is a recipient of a State Library Board scholarship under which she is studying at the Emory University Division of Librarianship. Upon graduation she will join the staff of the Anderson County Library.

Mrs. Catherine H. Lewis, on the death of her father, Davis O. Heniford on May 6, 1965. Mrs. Lewis is librarian of the Horry County Memorial Library.



## BROCHURE ON USE OF LIBRARY

The Carnegie Public Library, Sumter, S. C., is distributing a brochure on the use of the library to new borrowers or those re-registering. According to the introduction: "This brochure has been prepared to help our borrowers derive the maximum use and enjoyment from the Sumter County Library. It contains an outline of services and lists essential regulations and policies."

Chapman J. Milling, Jr. will be happy to furnish copies to interested librarians.

## HOW DO YOU SAY IT?

In the event that you are among the many who are puzzled about the pronunciation of the name of the winner of the 1964 Newbery Award, here is an aid: Maia Wojciechowska (My'a vo ja kov ska).

## FILM FARE

Another free film catalog available to public libraries is offered by the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company. This is a catalog of 16 mm sound films, booklets, demonstrations, teaching aids, building tours, and community meetings covering a wide variety of subjects. The programs are designed to be entertaining as well as informative and are made available by the telephone company without charge to schools, churches, clubs, and other groups and organizations. These programs include lecture-demonstrations of interest to groups wanting tips on voice improvement and proper telephoning mechanics. This demonstration has been used with success in in-service training programs for library staff members.

An interesting and timely free film from Southern Bell is Ballad for the Fair, which tells the story of the 1964-65 New York World's Fair.

To receive the free catalog, make arrangements to borrow films, or have telephone representatives present one of their programs, contact your nearest Southern Bell business office.

Libraries may wish to consider rental films when no free films are available on a desired subject. The new 1964-65 catalog of Walt Disney 16 mm films contains many favorites of both children and adults. The rent ranges from \$3.00 to \$27.50 per film. Examples of Walt Disney films available include Hans Brinker, or the Silver Skates, 90 min., \$27.50; Greyfriars Bobby, 91 min., \$24.50; Stormy, the Thoroughbred, 46 min., \$15.00; Ben and Me, 32 min., \$12.00; and Cartoon Parades, 25 min., \$10.00.

This free catalog of rental films may be obtained by writing to Association Films, Inc., 1621 Dragon Street, Dallas 7, Texas.



## SENIOR CITIZENS' MONTH

Senior Citizens' Month, May 1965, will provide an opportunity to emphasize "Community Action for Older Americans." Library officials are urged to work with others in their communities in focusing public attention on the needs of senior citizens, the services that are or should be available to them, and the contributions senior citizens make to the well being of the total community, especially in the field of education.

Request the pamphlet "Projects and Promotion Guide for Senior Citizens' Month" from President's Council on the Aging, Washington, D. C. 20201.

## GATEWAY TO IDEAS

A new radio discussion series, "Gateway to Ideas," was specifically designed to encourage people to read more and to foster library-radio station collaboration. Each of the 26 programs presents a moderator and two guests who, in the course of discussing a subject of general interest, draw upon and refer to books.

The National Book Committee and the American Library Association are sponsors of the series, made possible by a grant from the National Home Library Foundation to the National Association of Educational Broadcasters. If there is a radio station in your area which belongs to the National Educational Radio Network, this station has the first chance to broadcast "Gateway to Ideas." If your area is not served by a member station and you wish to have this series presented, write to "Gateway to Ideas," National Educational Radio Network, 119 Gregory Hall, Urbana, Illinois.

Listeners are encouraged to obtain book lists from their local library. A copy of the lists for the first 13 programs is now available from "Gateway to Ideas," Box 641, Times Square Station, New York, New York. Libraries are encouraged to reproduce the lists in inexpensive form for local distribution.

## RURAL FICTION

A selected list of rural and regional fiction is prepared annually by Caroline B. Sherman, Former Specialist in Economic Information, USDA. It is a voluntary gift to those who love rural life and good reading. Single copies of the list, "Selected Rural Fiction in 1964," are available from the Division of Home Economics, Federal Extension Service, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. 20250.



## PRE-CONFERENCE MEETINGS ON BUILDINGS

A pre-conference institute on library buildings, July 1-3, and a pre-conference trustees workshop on planning library facilities, July 3, will be held at the Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel, Detroit, Michigan.

The buildings institute, devoted to "Libraries: Building for the Future," is being sponsored by the Library Administration Division in cooperation with five other divisions, the American Association of School Librarians, American Library Trustee Association, Association of College and Research Libraries, Public Library Association, and the Resources and Technical Services Division.

The trustees workshop is being sponsored by the American Library Trustee Association. The institute and workshop will precede the 84th annual conference of ALA which is being held in Detroit, Mich., July 4-10.

A brochure, which gives further information and the programs for both the Institute and the Workshop, and which contains an application blank, is available from the Library Administration Division, American Library Association, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611.

### YOUR PROBLEMS by Anne Library

Dear Anne Library:

Looks like it's about that time of the year again; the high school students are writing term papers and the library is completely overrun with young people. I've asked some of these young people if they had tried their school libraries before coming to the public library, and they tell me that their teachers specifically told them to go to the public library. We don't mind serving them, but at the rate they pour in all asking for the same things, it's awfully hard to keep track of the material and do justice to their requests.

I've even met with the teachers and tried to explain the situation to them, but it appears that there is very little cooperation between the teachers and the school librarian. Also, the school libraries close when the school does and that leaves nowhere for the kids to study or obtain material. Talking to the teachers has obtained for me evasive remarks or none at all. In short, I feel that they have tried to cooperate with us very little, if at all.

What would you suggest?

Yours truly,

No school librarian



Dear N. S. L.:

Sing no sad songs to me!

While your problem is a problem and practically a universal one, I'd like to know where you were when the State Library Board brochures, "Tips to Teachers" and "Tips to Students" were first made available—and they're still available. While they're not a panacea for all the ills connected with student use of the public library, they were aimed at the situation you describe and have proven their usefulness in numerous public libraries.

I suggest that you prepare for war in time of peace—arm yourself with a supply of the brochures and meet with school officials early next fall and explain the situation and request their cooperation.

A word to the wise — ?

Anne

#### LOOKING FOR GREENER PASTURES?

Librarians and those graduating from library school are urged to investigate the new South Carolina library programs which will be developing under the Library Services and Construction Act. The services of the State Library Board will be expanded, new library systems will be organized, and present systems strengthened. These developments will afford numerous and rewarding opportunities in South Carolina.

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